

Patrick J. Ward, Town Clerk

# *Town of Brookline*

## *Massachusetts*

### *Board of Registrars of Voters*

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#### MINUTES FEBRUARY 1, 2010

The special meeting of the Board of Registrars of Voters for the Town of Brookline was called to order, by Chair Linda G. Golburgh, at 9:10 A.M. Present were Chair Linda G. Golburgh, and Registrars Andrew J. McIlwraith, Victoria M. Whitney and Patrick J. Ward, Clerk. M. Diane Shea, staff from the Office of the Town Clerk, was also present to record the votes.

Clerk Ward, after discussion with the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, informed the Board that overseas ballots, received by mail, had to be postmarked by January 19, 2010 – the date of the Special State Election – and had to be received by the Office of the Town Clerk no later than January 29, 2010 at 5:00 P.M. Clerk Ward then stated that, as a result of a new state law passed in November 2009, overseas ballots could also be received by fax but that they must have been received no later than 8:00 P.M. on January 19, 2010 – the date of the Special State Election.

The Board had a brief discussion concerning overseas ballots that did not have postmarks. Clerk Ward informed the Board that the Board had been advised, by the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, that ballots that did not have postmarks, even though they had been received within ten days after the election, could not be counted and must be rejected. The Board then proceeded to review the overseas ballots.

The Board first reviewed those ballots that had been set aside as not being eligible to be counted. These ballots included both in-state and out-of-state ballots, as well as overseas ballots. After review the Board determined that twenty-one in-state ballots were rejected, seven out-of-state ballots were rejected and five out-of-the-country ballots were rejected.

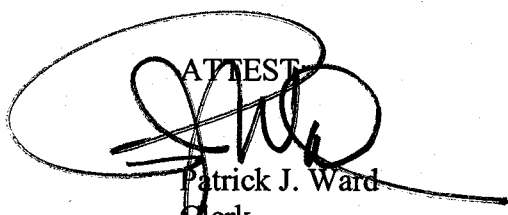
The Board then reviewed the overseas ballots that had been determined to be eligible for counting. These ballots also included two in-state ballots from Precinct Nine that had been received by the office of the Town Clerk before the close of the polls on January 19, 2010, but could not be delivered in time to the polls. After review the Board determined that thirty-four ballots were eligible to be counted and recorded. The recorded votes for these ballots were: eight for Scott P. Brown-Republican, twenty-six for Martha Coakley-Democrat and zero for Joseph L. Kennedy-Liberty.

At 10:30 A.M., Registrar Andrew J. McIlwraith excused himself from the hearing due to a prior commitment. There being a majority present, the Board continued its hearing.

The Board then reviewed the provisional ballots of people who believed they should be registered but were not listed in the voting lists. The Board reviewed sixty provisional ballots and based upon the investigations made by the Office of the Town Clerk, determined that twenty-nine provisional ballots were not eligible to be counted and therefore, were rejected. The remaining thirty-one ballots were then opened, reviewed by the Board, counted and recorded. The recorded votes for these ballots were: ten for Scott P. Brown-Republican, twenty-one for Martha Coakley-Democrat and zero for Joseph L. Kennedy-Liberty.

The Board reviewed and then signed the tally sheets. There being no further business the Board of Registrars of Voters dissolved their special meeting at 11:45 A.M.

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Patrick J. Ward  
Clerk  
Board of Registrars of Voters